(c) Yes Sir. The expenditure incurred on the above items is in accordance with the stipulated norms, which are as under:

i) Diesel mileage: 8 to 10 Km./Ltr.

ii) Oil: Change every four monthly

iii) Repairs: It is done as and when required

iv) Tyre & Tube: Change every 20,000 to 30,000 Kms.

v) Battery: Change every 2-3 yrs.

(d) Total number of patients transported by Ambulances during the last three years are as below:

Areas	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Pench	218	227	212
Kanhan	687	622	480

Refugees from Mizoram

†3407. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any fresh increase in the number of refugees going outside from Mizoram;

(b) the demands of the refugees; and

(c) the efforts being made for permanent solution of the problem?

THE MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) to (c) As per the information received from the Ministry of Home Affairs, in November, 2009, some Bru families reportedly fled from Mizoram to Tripura after some Bru hutments were burnt by unknown miscreants following the killing of a Mizo youth by suspected Bru militant outfit. Mizoram Government has taken steps to contain violence and restore normalcy. The State Government has been advised to instill confidence among Bru families living in Mizoram and to persuade those families who have fled to Tripura to return to Mizoram.

Contribution from NRIs in the development of NER

†3408. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Non-Resident Indians have not made desired contribution for the development of North Eastern Region;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) if not, the details thereof; and

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(d) the steps taken and to be taken in future by Government to encourage the Non-Resident Indians to invest in the country?

THE MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) to (d) As per the information received from the Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs, Overseas Indian Facilitation Centre (OIFC) has received a large number of investment related queries, including those in respect of infrastructure and social sectors. OIFC has been successful in serving as a clearing house for investment. related information to potential investors. It has also been successful as a one stop agency for replying queries and providing handholding services. Actual investment coming to India is a function of many factors.

This Ministry has organized a number of events in India and abroad to showcase the strength of the region with a view to attract investment. In this connection a North East India Investment Conference was organized by Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) with the support of Ministry of DoNER in 2007-08 at Guwahati which was attended by a large number of NRIs.

New plan for speedy development of North Eastern Region

†3409. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:

SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:

Will the Minister for DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is formulating a new plan for speedy development of the North Eastern Region, keeping in view the present gimmicks of China;

(b) the status of implementation of Prime Minister's fund in the east; and

(c) the details of construction of roads, electricity generation, railways and airports?

THE MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) The prime responsibility of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region is to accelerate the pace of socio-economic development of the Region so that the North Eastern Region (NER) may enjoy growth parity with the rest of the country. This is to be achieved by planned strategy comprising following steps:-

(i) Formulating policies/programmes for the rapid development of the Region.

(ii) Intensifying interventions with other Central Ministries/Departments to spend 10% of their Gross Budgetary Support (GBS) for the socio-economic development of the NER.

(iii) To develop infrastructure, especially to enhance connectivity in the Region -roads, railways, air, telecommunications and power, agriculture, tourism and food processing industries.

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